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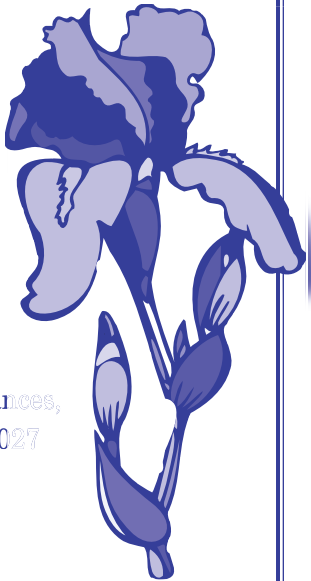
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fourth book is *Scott Free*. Teenager Scott O'Toole jumps at the chance to join a foolhardy adventure to fly a Cessna through a nighttime storm to Salt Lake City for a Metallica concert. After the plane crashes, Scott is lost and alone in the frozen wilderness, miles from anywhere people would search for him. As his parents revisit the old battles that tore them apart, they have to fight a bureaucracy that wants to abandon the search even

as their son struggles to survive against impossible odds. Barely alive, Scott finally finds a cabin for shelter. He thinks his troubles are over, but when he discovers the truth about the man who lives there, it's clear that his terror has barely begun.

In addition to his four books, Mr. Gilstrap has also written screen adaptations for his own *Nathan's Run* and *At All Costs*, Thomas Harris's *Red Dragon* and Nelson DeMille's *Word of Honor*.

For more information on John Gilstrap's appearances, call Givens Books at 385-5027 or the library at 847-1566.



Be A Reading Buddy to Your Child

- Help your child organize information, look for key ideas in books and practice reading out loud.
- Point out everyday tasks that require solid reading skills, like interpreting instructions, recipes and road signs.
- Have plenty of interesting reading materials at home such as books, magazines and newspapers to encourage your child to read more frequently.
- Practice makes perfect.

(An excerpt from: Every Child Reading: An Action Plan written by: Learning First Alliance, an organization of 12 leading national education associations.)
www.learningfirst.org

For more information about Youth Services call 847-1717.

Lorry Risinger, Youth Services Coordinator

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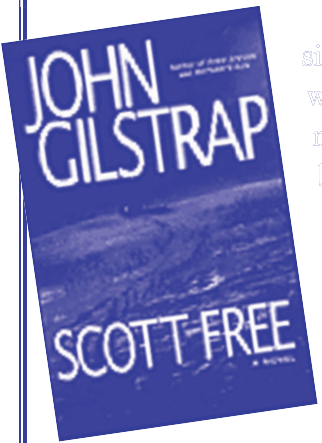
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How does an explosives and hazardous waste expert make the midlife transition to bestselling novelist, with works published around the world and translated into over 20 languages? Then, how does that same novelist make the transition to Hollywood screenwriter? This, and more, is the story of author John Gilstrap.

Mr. Gilstrap will speak to high school students at E.C. Glass High School on Friday, April 18. On **Saturday, April 19** he will sign books at **Givens Books from 10:00 AM until noon**. Then he will speak at the **library at 2:00 PM** telling how he became a writer, and what it's like to publish a book. Both the book signing at Givens and the talk at the library are free and open to the public.

Mr. Gilstrap, a native of Virginia, has written four books, all of which are available at the library. His first book, *Nathan's Run*, is the story of young Nathan Bailey, on the run from the authorities who would return him to the juvenile detention center from which he escaped, and from a hit man who would do even worse.

At All Costs is another suspenseful

thriller. Jake and Carolyn Brighton live as a typical small-town American couple, but their background is anything but typical. Accused years before of slaughtering sixteen of their friends and touching off an eco-disaster of enormous proportions, they are now on the run from the law and desperately trying to find the evidence that will prove their innocence.

In *Even Steven* Bobby and Susan Martin want nothing more than to have a child of their own. A restorative camping trip changes their lives forever when a tiny, filthy, freezing young boy dashes out of the woods near their campsite. The boy's violent kidnappers quickly come for him — and in a chaotic, explosive moment, the Martins appear to be drawn into an unthinkable crime: the brutal murder of a police officer. Now Bobby, Susan, and the eerily quiet young boy must stay one step ahead of a vicious crime ring, and are unsure whether they can trust the police.

John Gilstrap's recently published

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A Book in the Hand Is Worth Two on the Shelf.

Read to your child/ren every day.

Unlucky Arithmetic

Thirteen Ways to Raise a Nonreader

by Dean Schneider and Robin Smith



1. Never read where your children can see you.
2. Put a TV or computer in every room. Don't neglect the bedrooms and kitchen.
3. Correct your child every time she mispronounces a word.
4. Schedule activities every day after school so your child will never be bored.
5. Once your child can read independently, throw out the picture books. They're for babies.
6. Don't play board games together. Too dull.
7. Give little rewards for reading. Stickers and plastic toys are nice. Money is even better.
8. Don't expect your children to enjoy reading. Kids' books are for teaching vocabulary, proper study habits, and good morals.
9. Buy only 40-watt bulbs for your lamps.
10. Under no circumstances read your child the same book over and over. She heard it once, she should remember it.
11. Never allow your child to listen to books on tape; that's cheating.
12. Make sure your kids only read books that are "challenging." Easy books are a complete waste of time. That goes double for comic books and *Mad* magazine.
13. Absolutely, positively no reading in bed.

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Vacation Loans @ your library™

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Ona Dowdy – Circulation Supervisor



Spring and Glitter are in the air!

The Youth Services Department is inviting children of all ages to participate in our free Holiday Craft Workshops. Just bring your imaginations. We provide all of the supplies. This is just the place for you if you like to put your creativity to work. Join us!

Spring Break,

Wednesday, April 23, 2-4 p.m.

Mother's Day,

Saturday, May 10, 2-4

For more information call 847-1717.

Lorry Risinger,
Youth Services Coordinator

Lynchburg Reads *The Color of Water*

The first few **Lynchburg Reads** activities took place in March, and were a resounding success.

James McBride and his four piece jazz band took Lynchburg by storm on March 18! The author of *The Color of Water* had a busy day as he met with high school students in the early afternoon, signed books at the Macon Bookshop in the late afternoon, and spoke and read from his book to a crowd of over 600 interested people in the evening. Following his lecture/reading, his band treated the audience to several jazz selections.

Givens Books reports that there were 26 people at their book discussion led by E.C. Glass English teacher Patty Worsham on March 13. About 20 people attended a discussion at Westminster Canterbury on March 25.

For those who are inspired by James McBride's telling of his family's history, Frances Webb presented her own suggestions for preserving family folklore on March 25; about 20 people attend. Several other book discussions and other programs were held but the results were not available at press time.

The library has over 30 copies of the book, and at times every copy is checked out! This book struck a chord with a wide cross section of the Lynchburg community, and people are eager to read it and recommend it to friends.

We are grateful to Randolph-Macon Woman's College for their partnership in James McBride's appearance. Additional thanks goes to the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust, Frito Lay, Lynchburg Retail Merchants Foundation, and the Friends of the Library.

Have a suggestion for **Lynchburg Reads 2004**? Call us at 847-1566. Books should be suitable for ages high school and up.

Speaking of Books Meet the Author @ your library™

On Wednesday, April 16 at 1:00 PM the adult book discussion group will discuss *Seeking the High Yellow Note* by Alice Heard Williams. Mrs. Williams, a local author, will be present at the discussion to talk about her book, a fictional account of Vincent Van Gogh's stay in Provence. The library has several copies of the book available for checkout. For more information on Speaking of Books, call 847-1566.



Inclement Weather Fine Policy @ your library™

Spring has finally arrived and our snowy winter is but a fading memory! Although we shouldn't have to think about it again for some months, the following is our policy concerning fines and winter weather: Any day that **Lynchburg City Schools** are closed due to inclement weather, the library does not charge fines. Since December 5, 2002, we have had **15** fine free days!

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